GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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DOCUMENTS OF MAHATMA GANDHI IN CUSTODY OF PRIVATE TV PRODUCTION COMPANY
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is aware that original documents, manuscripts, photographs and audio-video tapes of Mahatma Gandhi of about 47 hours duration were left with a little known private TV production company for at least two days without a legal undertaking or the Government's permission to guard against its damage or duplication;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) Only copies of video tapes (not original) were given by Director, National Gandhi Museum to M/S CML Multi Media Pvt. Ltd. to prepare a 28 minutes DVD on Mahatma Gandhi's life for their Museum after due approvals from competent authority. The tapes made available to the company were copies and not original archival material.